

**ABSTRACT**

A method and system for managing data elements with associated attributes in a computer system is described. Identifiers of each data element and information identifying the attributes of each data element are stored and the identifiers associated with each of the  
5 data elements are displayed in a list. The identifiers of the data elements are visibly associated with attributes by displaying markers in attribute strips along at least one side of the list of data elements. A user may filter the data elements according to their attributes and a filtered list of data elements may be redisplayed. This can facilitate processing of numerous data elements, simplifying processing and/or display requirements to achieve a given  
10 selection based on user criteria.